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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE AMPLIFIES MADRID'S 5474 WHICH ANNOUNCED IMPOSITION OF SPANISH UPLIFT RATIO EQUAL TO THAT OF THE USG, EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 1974, AND REPORTS ON A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH GOS DIRECTORS GENERAL FOR AIR TRANSPORT AND INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION (FOREIGN MINISTRY) WHICH INDICATED POSSIBLE FRESH SPANISH INTEREST IN CHARTER DISCUSSIONS. BELGIAN-U.S. CHARTER AGREEMENT AND LATEST US-ECAC CHARTER STATISTICS REQUESTED. END SUMMARY.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPANISH IMPOSITION OF UPLIFT RATIO ON AMERICAN CARRIERS FLYING CHARTERS INTO SPAIN WAS BY LETTER TO ALL SEVEN COMPANIES AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICE (PAN AM, TWA, WORLD, SATURN, TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS, OVERSEAS NATIONAL AIRWAYS, AND CAPITOL INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS) FROM AIR TRANSPORT DIRECTOR GENERAL JUAN DE CARA, DATED SEPTEMBER 24. GIST THIS LETTER WAS THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1974 ALL U.S. SUPPLEMENTALS FLYING INTO SPAIN WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE UPLIFT RATIO WHICH USG REQUIRES OF SPANISH SUPPLEMENTALS SERVING THE U.S. AND THAT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT BEING MADE SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE SO THAT NECESSARY CHANGES IN PLANS CAN BE EFFECTED. COPIES BEING POUCHED EB/OA AND EUR/IB. EMBOFF INFORMED ORALLY OF THIS MOVE IN CALL SEPT 25 ON NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL JUAN DE CARA AND GIVEN XEROXES OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT, AND LETTER TRANSMITTING IT TO CAB/MINETTI, ONLY AFTER DE CARA CONSULTED HIS SUPERIORS. DE CARA CONTENTED MOVE EXCLUSIVELY AVIATION MATTER. EMBOFF REPLIED IT HAD FOREIGN POLICY EFFECTS OF INTEREST TO BOTH FOREIGN MINISTRIES.

3. EMBOFF IN CONVERSATION SEPT 26 WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIRECTOR GENERAL VALLAURE GOT IMPRESSION THAT THAT SPANISH OFFICIAL NOT YET INFORMED OF THE MOVE.

4. IN CONVERSATION OCT 2 BETWEEN BOTH THESE DIRECTORS GENERAL, ECON COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF, EMBASSY NOTED SLIGHTLY MORE SPANISH WILLINGNESS TO CONTEMPLATE DISCUSSIONS OF CHARTER FLIGHTS THAN IN TALKS WITH PREVIOUS AIR TRANSPORT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECTOR GENERAL. DE CARA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ANY AGREEMENTS USG MIGHT HAVE WITH ECAC COUNTRIES, AND PER REF TELCON, EMBASSY AWAITS WORD OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH BELGIUM.

5. IN THAT CONVERSATION, EMBOFFS NOTED CHANGE IN CONDITIONS. SPANISH WOULD WANT FULFILLED BEFORE TALKING CHARTERS. PREVIOUSLY GOS INSISTENCE WAS ON BOTH ABOLITION OF UPLIFT

RATIO AND GUARANTEE OF CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF US/SPAIN
CHARTER TRAFFIC, WHEREAS NOW ONLY (ALBEIT DIFFICULT)
CONDITION IS SUCH ABOLITION.

6. VALLAURE ADVISED DE CARA NOT TO LET ECAC COLLEAGUES
DICTATE SPANISH CHARTER POLICY COMPLETELY, SINCE SPAIN AS
IMPORTANT IF NOT MOST IMPORTANT RECEIVER OF AIR TRAFFIC
SHOULD PLAY ROLE IN ECAC APPROPRIATE TO SUCH IMPORTANCE.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
(1) INFORMATION ON AND COPY OF US-BELGIAN CHARTER
AGREEMENT AND (2) LATEST AVAILABLE STATISTICS ON CHARTERS
FROM U.S. TO ALL ECAC MEMBER COUNTRIES, LATTER TO ANSWER
QUESTION FROM VALLAURE.
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